



Charlotte City Council  
Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
Summary Minutes  
Monday, March 21, 2022

### COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

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### COMMITTEE INFORMATION

**Committee Members Present:** Braxton Winston (Co-Chair), Ed Driggs, Julie Eiselt, Matt Newton

**Staff Resources:** Brent Cagle, City Manager's Office  
Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office  
Denada Jackson, OCS  
Ches McDowell, KTS Strategies  
Nelson Freeman, KTS Strategies  
Amanda Honaker, KTS Strategies  
John Easterling, KTS Strategies

**Meeting Duration:** 2:00 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

### DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

#### Call to Order & Introductions

Co-Chair Winston allowed members (CMs Driggs, Eiselt, and Newton) to introduce themselves and yielded to Brent Cagle.

#### Agenda Overview

Review of full agenda by staff resource, Assistant City Manager, Brent Cagle.

#### Federal Update

Staff presented a federal legislative update. In terms of legislative activity, highlights include that the President signed into law the FY 2022 appropriations measure last week. The Congress will now pivot to other priorities such as FY23 appropriations, America COMPETES Act conference committee deliberations, US Supreme Court nomination and the war in Ukraine. The City Council briefed the Congressional Delegation on the City's 2022 federal legislative priorities including funding for local and regional needs and comprehensive immigration reform. Staff also raised that House Members may seek community project funding (earmarks) in the FY 2023 appropriations measure.

### **State Update**

Staff presented a state legislative update. The General Assembly adjourned the long session on March 11. They will reconvene on April 4 – 6 and May 4 – 6 to take care of any business that emerges before then. The short session will start on May 18<sup>th</sup> and is expected to last no more than 6 to 8 weeks. The primary issue that will be before the General Assembly in the short session will be state budget amendments. There will also probably be consideration of a NC First Commission recommendation to transfer existing State General Fund revenues to NCDOT that would add approximately \$470 million per year for NCDOT purposes. Furthermore, legislation addressing the authority of local governments to regulate short-term rentals may be taken up. It is unclear at this point the extent that such legislation would preempt or limit local regulatory authority. In advance of the short session, the City Council will brief virtually the State Delegation on the City's state legislative priorities on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. A question was raised about the municipal general election date, which will be on July 26. After the meeting, staff made available to the Committee the legislation recently enacted establishing July 26 as the municipal general election date for 2022.

### **Functional Consolidation**

During the March 7 strategy session, Council voted unanimously to request the IRC co-chairs to have further discussion with the County on whether there are any particular service areas to consider for functional consolidation. The referral reads as follows:

*“To have the Co-Chairs of our Intergovernmental Relations Committee go back and talk with other colleagues on the other board and to determine if there is any specific interest on any topics that they would like to pursue to see if there are benefits or efficiencies to be created through a functional consolidation of any particular area.”*

City IRC co-chairs were encouraged by committee members to have informal conversations (without action) with County committee chairs on whether there is a shared perception with the County board on mutually beneficial areas of functional consolidation and consult with the committee as needed.

### **Next Committee Meeting**

Monday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.